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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

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the claims:

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the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_  
 the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
 the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_  
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 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

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the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_  
 the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
 the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_  
 the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

## Cited document:

D1 WO0187671 A1

D1 represents the most relevant prior art cited in the International Search Report.

D1 reveals an impact attenuation device for a vehicle which corresponds with the preamble of claim 1.

The invention according to claim 1 differs from the art known from D1 in the sense that the extension device is arranged between the front part and the attenuating part. In a first position the extension device arranges the attenuator in a transporting position, in which the attenuator is extended away from the front part. In a second position the extension device arranges the attenuator in an operating position in which the attenuator is arranged against the front part.

Therefore, the invention according to the claims is novel. The invention according to the claims is also considered to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable.

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CLAIMS

1. Impact attenuating device (1) for a vehicle (2), comprising a front part (3) with a wheel (31), for connection to the vehicle (2), preferably to the vehicle's frame side member, such that during a collision against the attenuator (1) the forces is transferred to the vehicle (2), an attenuating part (4), and a rear part (5), *characterised by* that an extension device (6) is arranged between the front part (3) and the attenuating part (4); that the extension device (6) in a first position arranges the attenuator in a transport position, in which the attenuator (4) is extended away from the front part (3), and in a second position arranges the attenuator (4) in an operation position in which the attenuator (4) is arranged against the front part (3)
- 15 2. Impact attenuating device (1) according to claim 1, *characterised by* that the attenuator (4) in the first position, transport position, is articulately arranged to the vehicle.
- 20 3. Impact attenuating device according to any of the claims 1-2, *characterised by* that the extension device (6) in the second position, operating position, arranges the attenuating part (4) against the front part (3) such that forces from a collision against the attenuator is transferred to the vehicle.
- 25 4. Impact attenuating device according to any of the claims 1-3, *characterised by* that the extension device (6) comprises a hydraulic telescopic device (61).
- 30 5. Impact attenuating device according to claim 4, *characterised by* that the telescopic device (61) is connected to the front part (3) via a vertical joint (62), and to the attenuating part (4) via a horizontal joint (63).
- 35 6. Impact attenuating device according to any of the claims 1-3, *characterised by* that the extension device (6) comprises a boom (104), arranged to a link arm (101), such that a cylinder (100) acting on

the link arm moves the attenuating part (4) out to a transport position and/or pulls the attenuating part (4) into an operating position.

7. Impact attenuating device according to claim 6, characterised by that the boom (104) is connected to the front part (3) through a vertical- and horizontal joint (103), such that the attenuating part (4) is movable as a trailer.  
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8. Impact attenuating device according to any of the claims 1-7, characterised by that the rear part (3) comprises a wheel (51,52).  
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9. Impact attenuating device according to any of the claims 1-8, characterised by that the rear part (5) comprises an operation wheel (51) with a pivot function, for use in the operating position, and two transport wheels (52) for use in the transport position.  
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10. Impact attenuating device according to claim 9, characterised by that the operating wheel (51) is in a lowered position in the operating position, and in a raised position in the transport position.  
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11. Impact attenuating device according to any of the claims 9-10, characterised by that the transportation wheels (52) is in a raised position in the operating position, and in a lowered position in the transport position.  
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12. Impact attenuating device according to any of the claims 1-11, characterised by that the impact attenuator (1) comprises an internal hydraulic system (10), such that the vehicles and impact attenuators hydraulic fluids are kept separate.  
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13. Impact attenuating device according to any of the claims 1-12, characterised by that the front part (3) comprises two wheels (31) with a pivot function.

14. Impact attenuating device according to any of the claims 1-13, characterised by that a docking device (7,8) is arranged in the front part (3) and in the attenuating part (4) to secure the rigidity of the device.